



**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
(RCW 34.05.310)**

CR-101 (7/10/97)

Do NOT use for expedited repeal or adoption

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

Subject of possible rule making:

Changes to Safety Standards for Electrical Workers, Chapter 296-45 WAC (WISHA)

(a) Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, and 49.17.050

(b) Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The wording needs to be clarified in order to eliminate confusion stemming from the location of the second person, length of a hot stick and what constitutes a multi-phase electrical feed.

(c) Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

No other state or federal agencies except for OSHA are known to regulate this subject.

(d) Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

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Negotiated rule making

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Pilot rule making

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Agency study

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Other (describe)

The department must adopt rules identical to or at least as effective as OSHA rules as required by the OSHA/WISHA state plan agreement. Parties interested in the formulation of these rules for proposal may contact the individuals listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing process.

(e) How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

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